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Wrightwood Winter Traffic Spurs Recommendations

WRIGHTWOOD – A coalition created to address winter traffic problems in the Wrightwood area today held its final planning meeting before the beginning of the winter season. The group made several recommendations for improving traffic flow in and out of the winter resort community.

“I would like to thank all of the agencies, local businesses and residents who have participated in this effort,” said First District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt, who represents the area and who worked with Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael Antonovich to lead the coalition’s efforts. “The Wrightwood area offers many recreational opportunities in an idyllic mountain setting, but ensuring a smooth flow of visitors in and out of town has been a challenge. With implementation of the consortium’s recommendations, I’m hopeful we can better balance the needs of visitors, businesses and local residents.”

The consortium was formed earlier this year after local businesses and residents voiced concerns to the offices of Supervisors Mitzelfelt and Antonovich regarding severe traffic congestion, parking issues and overcrowding that occurred last winter. The Supervisors’ offices responded jointly by forming a working group of government agencies, community groups and local business people and residents to develop solutions to the concerns.

Members of the group included several federal, state and county agencies, including the U.S. Forest Service, California Highway Patrol, CalTrans, several county agencies from both Los Angeles and San Bernardino County, including the Sheriff’s Department, Public Works, the Fire Department, and the Office of Emergency Services. Several local community groups participated, including the Wrightwood Communications Group, Disaster Preparedness Group, CERT Team, Property Owners Association, and Fire Safe Council as well members of the Chamber of Commerce and representatives from Mountain High Ski Resort.

Some recommendations discussed by the group include:

- Improving communications between affected federal, state and county agencies,
- Intensifying traffic enforcement efforts during peak periods,
- Improving public information efforts, including the use of the local AM 1610 radio station, and
- Installing new signage and using existing changeable message signs to inform the public of traffic congestion or alternate routes.